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(Case No. 00-830-A; RPI 600/005)

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In the Application of:

Vargeese et al.

Serial No.: 09/887,182

Filed: June 22, 2001

For: METHOD FOR THE CHEMICAL
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Art Unit: 1623

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Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

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 - a. Response to Office Action Mailed June 17, 2003;
 - b. Petition for One Month Extension of Time; and
 - c. Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to additional fees:
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Mailed June 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the patent application identified above in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendment to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.